## SC-4 STREET SWEEPING AND VACUUMING



BMP Objectives	
$\boxtimes$	Perimeter Control
	<b>Slope Protection</b>
	Borrow and Stockpiles
$\boxtimes$	Drainage Areas
$\boxtimes$	Sediment Trapping
	Stream Protection
	Temporary Stabilizing
	Permanent Stabilizing

## **Definition and Purpose**

Street sweeping and vacuuming practices remove tracked sediment to prevent the sediment from entering a storm drain or watercourse.

# **Appropriate Applications**

These practices are implemented anywhere sediment is tracked from the project site onto public or private paved roads, typically at construction entrances and exits.

## Limitations

Sweeping and vacuuming may not be effective when soil is too wet or muddy; however, the soil should be moist to avoid dust.

#### **Design Parameters**

- Visible sediment tracking shall be swept and/or vacuumed.
- If not mixed with debris or trash, the removed sediment shall be incorporated back into the project as approved.

## **Maintenance and Inspection**

- Conduct inspections as required by the NPDES permit or contract specifications.
- Sweep tracked sediment as needed, or as required by the Engineer.
- Be careful not to sweep up any unknown substance or any object that may be potentially hazardous.
- Adjust brooms frequently to maintain proper contact with the ground and maximize efficiency of sweeping operations.

After sweeping is finished, properly dispose of sweeper wastes at an approved dumpsite.